

REMARKS RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1-13 are pending, and Claims 1-13 have been rejected. Claims 1,3,4, and 10-13 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 14 has been added. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the below presented argument specifically in view of the amendments made to the pending independent claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 103(a)

RE: CLAIM 1-13

Claims 1-13 rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kam et al. US 2001/0042037 A1 (Kam), and further in view of Guheen et al. US 6,615,166 B1 (Guheen).

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE RE: CLAIM 1-13

Applicant again appreciates Examiner's careful attention to the examination of this Application. Applicant has amended all independent claims in the present application to more clearly detail the unique and novel aspects of the present invention, and thus believes that they are no longer subject to the rejections. Specifically, as amended, the claims are novel over the art cited, as the reference Kam fails to disclose or suggest, anywhere within its several pages, the core elements of the present invention. Specifically, nowhere within the hundreds of pages of Kam and Guheen, or any of the cited references is there any disclosure or suggestion of the collective steps of the present invention. On this basis, the present claims are both novel and non-obvious and is entitled to allowance. Notwithstanding the present amendments, Applicant incorporates by reference his responsive arguments in his prior response to the prior office action.

The dependent claims now depend for allowable claims and are thus allowable. New claim 14 has support throughout the specification, including but not limited to paragraphs [0011] and [0098].

CONCLUSION

Applicant appreciates Examiner's thorough review of the prior art, and Examiner's remarks related thereto, and Examiner's courtesy during the interview. The Application has been carefully reconsidered in view of this most recent Office Action of October 31, 2006, and on the basis of Examiner's comments following informal review of the presently amended claims. The present application has been repeatedly and exhaustively searched. On the basis of the above amendments and responses, Applicant respectfully submits that the only stated grounds for rejection of Applicant's claims have been addressed and traversed. Applicant respectfully asserts that the above response again places this Application in condition for allowance. Consideration of this Application for immediate allowance is requested.

Applicant has provided a check in the amount of the fee believed now due (\$495). In the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-2180 of Storm LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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